

5 Died in Sea, Says Pilot, as 98 Ships Passed Plane Wreck

One by One, Three Women and Two Men Slip off the Storm-Tossed Craft as Signals Fail

Delirious Survivor Gaspes Out Tale

Held Two in His Arms for Ten Hours, While Others, Crazy, Yield to Exposure and Perish

MIAMI, Fla., March 25.—Pilot Robert Moore, sole survivor of the ill-fated Miss Miami, whose five passengers one by one gave up their lives in the Gulf Stream after clinging for hours to the wrecked flying boat, as nine ships passed within sight but failed to see them and two planes soared overhead in the search for them, to-night was in a state of delirium in a hospital here. At various intervals during the night and day his rescue he has in broken sentences unfolded piece by piece the thrilling story of one of the greatest sea tragedies in the history of aviation.

For ten hours after the floating craft sprang a leak and turned completely over Moore held two of the women in his arms, but all but one woman had managed to get back to the wreckage, heroically doing all in his power to free his passengers from the disaster for which he considered himself responsible. As waves beat hard against them and one of the women died in his arms, Moore let her slip into the sea. Then the other died, and the pilot let her go, too.

The exposure and the loss of the two women and the other two men, three became crazed. One of them, named Moore, a girl of big build, said to be 22,000, saying: "You are young, take it. You may need it." And he slipped into the sea. The other followed him.

Moore alone remained. How, in his condition, he tied a rope to his neck and hung it to the mast, to keep himself from drifting away, is not known. He was rescued by a boat from the U. S. S. Albatross, which was on duty in the Gulf Stream.

Then followed a search in which a dozen planes, a fleet of speed boats and two submarines took part. Thursday brought no word. Friday the search continued, with the United States Navy taking part. It availed nothing.

At 8:30 last night came word of the disaster. The Pan-American Petroleum Corporation, through William Green, vice president, said that it had picked up the sole survivor of a seaplane painted pea green. The plane was upside down.

The manager of the Green asked for physicians to meet the boat of Miami and take the pilot off. Moore was brought ashore in a submarine chaser and placed in a hospital at 10 o'clock this morning.

Last night on board the tanker Moore was tenderly cared for by Mrs. J. Steward Williams, wife of an official of the company, who was a passenger. Moore, in a delirious state, believed his wife was his mother. He told her that he was his mother, and that he was his mother. He told her that he was his mother, and that he was his mother.

Vandergrift Sues Wife, Once His Stepmother, for Fortune

Grandson of Standard Oil Founder, Who Married Father's Wife 6 Months After Parent's Death, Demands Return of Securities He Gave Her

John M. Vandergrift, of 44 West Fifth Street, grandson of Jacob J. Vandergrift, one of the founders of the Standard Oil Company in Pittsburgh, began a proceeding in the Supreme Court yesterday indicating that his marriage some years ago to his stepmother, when he was twenty-two and she twelve years his senior, was not a great success.

Mr. Vandergrift obtained a temporary injunction restraining his wife, Mrs. Schil M. Vandergrift, 65 Central Park West, from disposing of property valued at \$125,000. The order will be in effect until the husband's suit for possession of the property has been tried.

Mr. Vandergrift married his stepmother six months after the death of his father. After numerous quarrels the couple separated last November, to live apart. Mr. Vandergrift's father inherited a fortune from Jacob J. Vandergrift, and the plaintiff says he became entitled to \$100,000 from the estate of his grandfather upon reaching his majority.

Shortly after I married at my majority, my father died, and Mr. Vandergrift said: "The defendant was twelve years my senior and had formed an attachment for me, as the result of which I married my father's widow and my own stepmother."

"The defendant, prior to my marriage, had suggested that, in view of my inexperience in money matters, it was best that I should have a guardian."

Standard Oil here sues for income stepmother he wed as youth. Salesman held three days in pawn as security in whiskey deal. Whalen heads city repair gang on Staten Island roads.

Transit Commission will throttle subway "sweating" program. Legion mass meeting to protest Fox Hills evacuation. McCanney reveals plans for new Brooklyn subways.

Pro-Serbs behind change in Bulgarian alphabet, say Bulgarians here. Driver kicked to death in street by thief. Newspaper women organize own press club.

Two girls who leaped from auto Hackensack police mystery. Travel show opens. Shifters curl up and die under public ridicule. Bandit kills manager in Third Avenue A. & P. store.

Bandit Slays Rationation Grocer; Flees Without Loot

Manager of Third Avenue Store Shot Down While Crowds Pass by Door; Clerk Only Eye-Witness

Richard J. O'Shea was killed by a hold-up man about 8 o'clock last night in a store of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, on Third Avenue, near Forty-fifth Street, of which he was manager. There were two of the robbers and they escaped in an automobile. They took no money.

The tiny store is generally crowded Saturday nights, but there was a lull about 8 o'clock. People were passing constantly, but none entered. Samuel Goldberg, the clerk, was the far end of the counter, packing eggs. O'Shea was near the door, selecting grapefruit from a case under the counter and putting them in a box tilted against the wall.

Goldberg, enroached in his eggs, did not hear the door open nor see the two men who entered until he heard the command: "Throw up your hands and keep 'em up!" He turned as he obeyed and got a glimpse of a table and expected to recur in his dreams as long as he lives.

The Saturday night traffic stream was pouring past the door. Two men with a child clasp a hand of each and each with a market bag in the other hand walked slowly past. Beyond them, caught glimpses of indefinite hurrying figures and the flashing of automobiles and surface cars.

Arms Filled With Grapefruit. Just inside the door stood the two robbers. One was almost six feet in height. The other, a light complected man, had a revolver, which he was holding at O'Shea. The clerk, manager, his arms filled with grapefruit, was backing slowly away from them. He had not yet raised his hands. He looked to Goldberg as though he was groping for a chance to deposit his burden before doing so.

Even as the scene impressed itself on Goldberg's retina, it was shifted. There was a deafening detonation, a burst of pungent smoke and a mingled slamming and thumping of the suddenly shut door, a falling body and dropping grapefruit.

Stumbling and slipping because of the rolling grapefruit which lumbered the floor and stepping wide across the body of O'Shea, Goldberg ran to the street. There nothing was changed. The door of a passing elevated train had dropped the man, and the child were loitering at a fruit stand at Forty-sixth Street. Men and women walked briskly past without a glance toward the store.

A newly started motor car, driven by its own hazy, was pushing recklessly northward and careened east into Forty-sixth Street as Goldberg reached the door.

Reserves Clear Way. "Police! Murder!" shrieked the apartment house clerk. Everything stopped. Men and women pressed about him and strove with one another for a glance into the store. Chauffeurs headed for the curb. A Third Avenue car, crowded with passengers, stopped in the traffic, disgorged the passengers. Patrolman Boedeker came on the run and held the door against the throng.

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